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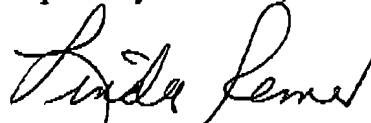
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Dear Examiner Strzelecka,

Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Amendment to Reply to Requirement for Restriction Under 35 USC 121 and 372. It is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Amendment be entered and acted upon by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Linda J. Remer  
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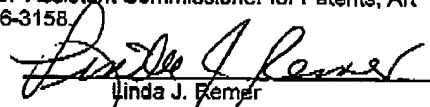
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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT TO  
REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION UNDER 35 USC 121 AND 372**

Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

No fee is required by this amendment. The number of total claims and independent claims is the same as in the Amendment submitted with the Reply to the Requirement for Restriction made in the Office Action of February 20, 2003. However, any deficiency should be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-1192.

A Reply to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated February 20, 2003, was filed via facsimile on April 18, 2003. In said Reply, Applicants elected the subject matter of the examiner's Group III, original claims 20, 43 and 44, without traverse, cancelled original claims 1-53, and presented new claims 54-113 drawn to the elected subject matter.

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Said amendment paper was submitted under the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted", last modified 02/24/03. This amendment paper is also presented under that notice.

In a telephone interview of April 25, 2003, Examiner Strzelecka advised the undersigned attorney for applicants that the full text of the Reply paper dated April 18, 2003, had not been received by her. The paper in the USPTO file wrapper only included the first page through new claim 84 (page 9). The Examiner requested that the undersigned attorney for applicants resubmit a complete copy of said Reply paper. That is being done under a separate fax cover sheet from the present paper. A copy of applicants' facsimile transmission report showing the transmission of all 20 pages of the Reply and Amendment paper is included with the resubmitted paper. As suggested by the Examiner, both facsimile transmissions are being sent to her direct fax number.

The present Supplemental Amendment is presented to make minor corrections in claims 76, 79 and 110. In claims 76 and 79, "decolouration treatment" is deleted from the last section of the claim. In claim 110, "concentration;" is deleted and replaced "centrate" so that the claim refers to "centrate conditioning" rather than to "concentration; conditioning".

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.